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Davis Announces Grants to Train 1,504 Workers at Three Southern Indiana Companies

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis announced today that three Southern Indiana companies will receive training grants valued at \$516,000 from the Indiana Department of Commerce's Skills Enhancement Fund.

"The state of Indiana is helping Hoosier businesses become more competitive in the marketplace," said Davis, who leads the state's economic development efforts as director of Commerce. "These grants give employees immediate access to the latest skills using new and improved equipment. This investment benefits both the business community and our state's workforce."

- **Boston Scientific Corp.**, Spencer, is the recipient of a \$169,500 grant to train 631 incumbent employees and 23 new employees following the company's investment of approximately \$9 million in equipment upgrades. Boston Scientific, a global leader in medical device manufacturing, is one of the largest employers in Owen County. Their technology is used to diagnose and treat problems virtually anywhere in the human body through a small hole in the skin. Their training will include computer skills, problem solving, machine operation and team building.
- **Enkei America Inc.**, Columbus, is the recipient of a \$71,500 grant to train 505 incumbent employees following the company's \$5.5 million investment in equipment upgrades. Enkei America was established in 1985 and continues to excel at advanced wheel manufacturing for the auto industry. The company will use the grant to provide training in computer skills, project management, team building and problem solving.

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- **Schwarz Pharma Manufacturing Inc.**, Seymour, is the recipient of a \$275,000 grant to train 310 incumbent employees and 35 new employees following the company's investment of \$8 million in equipment upgrades. Schwarz Pharma is a leader in international specialty pharmaceuticals. Their manufacturing is primarily focused on the production of solid and oral dosage forms in the areas of tablets and capsules. Their training will include basic math, computer skills, equipment training and forklift training.

The Commerce Department awards Skills Enhancement Fund grants to Indiana companies that undertake capital investment projects. The grants help defray the costs of training new and current employees in basic work skills and company-specific skills necessary to support the project. Companies interested in learning more about the Skills Enhancement Fund or other Commerce programs should contact their regional Commerce office at 800.463.8081, or visit the Web site at www.indianacommerce.com.

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